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SUBJECT: U.S.-ITALY HEALTH COOPERATION: VISITING SCIENTIST RENATA
DEL CARMINE

PASS NIH

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1. MARINO MASSOTTI, WHO WILL BE WORKING AT FDA AS AN EXCHANGE SCIENTIST BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 1978, HAS APPROACHED SCIATT CONCERNING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR HIS WIFE (RENATA DEL CARMINE), WHO HAS BEEN ACCEPTED TO WORK IN THE LABORATORY OF JUAN SAAVEDRA, LABORATORY OF CLINICAL SCIENCE, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MENTAL HEALTH (BETHESDA). IT IS OUR GUESS THAT NEITHER NATO NOR FULBRIGHT GRANTS CAN BE MADE QUICKLY ENOUGH TO SUPPORT DEL CARMINE IN THE U.S. STARTING THIS FALL.

2. IF DEL CARMINE IS REGARDED BY HER COLLEAGUES IN THE U.S. AS MERITING SUPPORT, WE WONDER WHETHER NIH COULD NOT FIND THE NECESSARY RESOURCES. WHILE THE SUBJECT OF HER PROPOSED RESEARCH (QTE THE ROLE OF CENTRAL CATECHOLAMINE NEURONS IN HYPERTENSION AND STRESS UNQTE) DOES NOT APPEAR TO FALL NEATLY INTO ANY OF THE CATEGORIES OF THE U.S.-ITALY HEALTH AGREEMENT, HER WORK IS POTENTIALLY RELATED BOTH TO HEART DISEASE AND TO DRUG ABUSE. IN ADDITION, WE REGARD THE CONTACTS MADE BY A RESEARCHER WHO WORKS FOR A YEAR OR MORE IN THE U.S. AS
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CRITICAL TO BUILDING SOLID, LONG-TERM BIOMEDICAL COOPERATION.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE INFORM IF THERE ARE POSSIBILITIES FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM NIH AND IF SO WHAT STEPS DEL CARMINE SHOULD TAKE. HOLMES

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